

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10385–S10441

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1778–1787. **Page S10434**

Measures Reported:

S. 507, to provide for retirement equity for Federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–88) **Page S10434**

Measures Passed:

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Documents: Senate passed S. 692, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances. **Page S10439**

Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 1694, to allow the funding for the interoperable emergency communications grant program established under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to remain available until expended through fiscal year 2012, and the bill was then passed. **Page S10439**

National Work and Family Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 296, designating October 2009 as “National Work and Family Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10440**

National Learn and Serve Challenge: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 46, recognizing the benefits of service-learning and expressing support for the goals of the National Learn and Serve Challenge, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S10439–40**

Conference Reports:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference Report—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water develop-

ment and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. **Pages S10397–S10427**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 79 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 321), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 15, 2009; provided further, that time during any adjournment, recess, or period of morning business count post-cloture. **Pages S10440–41**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Timothy J. Heaphy, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

David Lyle Cargill, Jr., of New Hampshire, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years. **Page S10441**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—321) **Page S10399**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday,

October 15, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10441.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BANKING INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions concluded a hearing to examine the state of the banking industry, after receiving testimony from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency, and Timothy T. Ward, Deputy Director, Examinations, Supervision and Consumer Protection, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Daniel K. Tarullo, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Deborah Matz, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; Joseph A. Smith, Jr., North Carolina Commissioner of Banks, Raleigh; and Thomas J. Candon, Deputy Commissioner, Vermont Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities and Health Care Administration, Montpelier, on behalf of the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors.

ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmen-dorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Richard Newell, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Reid P. Harvey, Chief, Climate Economics Branch, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; and Larry Parker, Specialist in Energy and Environmental Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Arun Majumdar, of California, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy, and Marcia K. McNutt, of California, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine prohibiting price fixing and other anticompetitive conduct in the health insurance industry, including S. 1681, to ensure that health insurance issuers and medical malpractice insurance issuers cannot engage in price fixing, bid rigging, or market allocations to the detriment of competition and consumers, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Christine A. Varney, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; and Lawrence S. Powell, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, on behalf of the Physician Insurers Association of America.

FEDERAL LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, The Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia to examine the cost of federal long-term care insurance, after receiving testimony from Daniel Green, Deputy Associate Director for Employee and Family Support Policy, United States Office of Personnel Management; Mary Beth Senkewicz, Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, Tallahassee; Margaret L. Baptiste, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Marianne Harrison, John Hancock Life & Health Insurance Company, Boston, Massachusetts; and Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, and Chester M. Joy, both of Washington, D.C.